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Honorable Felix J. Boudreaux Commissioner of Conservation State of Louisiana Post Office Box 44275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: <u>APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING</u>.

Tex W-2 Sand, Reservoir A, HALTER ISLAND FIELD, St. Mary and Terrebonne Parishes, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

CONTOUR ENERGY E&P, L.L.C. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Tex W-2 Sand, Reservoir A, in the Halter Island Field, St. Mary and Terrebonne Parishes, Louisiana:

- 1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Tex W-2 Sand, Reservoir A.
- 2. To create one (1) drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Tex W-2 Sand, Reservoir A, such unit being designated TEX W-2 RA SUA and being shown on the attached plat.
- 3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
  - 4. To designate an Operator of, and unit well for, the proposed unit as may be appropriate.
- 5. To provide that wells drilled to the Tex W-2 Sand, Reservoir A, within or outside of the proposed unit be located in accordance with the provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.
- 6. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the reservoir by Supplemental Order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of the reservoir so warrant and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.
- 7. To define the Tex W-2 Sand, Reservoir A, as that interval between the measured depths of 11,520 feet and 11,553 feet in the Amerada Hess (formerly Great Yellowstone)--State Lease 4664 No. 1 Well, located in Atchafalaya Bay, Township 19 South, Range 12 East, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

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8. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Joe B. Adams, 4520 Jamestown Avenue, Suite 6, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Adams at (225) 929-6097 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available from the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

By letter dated April 29, 2002, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and a preapplication conference with respect to Applicant's proposals was tentatively scheduled for May 20, 2002. No request for the pre-application conference was received; therefore, no conference was held.

Attached hereto is a plat outlining Applicant's proposed unit, which is identical to the plat attached to the pre-application notice. Also attached hereto is a list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list is being forwarded only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation. A copy of the list will be furnished by the undersigned to any party so requesting. A reasonable effort was made to obtain a complete list of Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and the enclosed plat at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Halter Island Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, a copy of the Legal Notice will be mailed to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, we enclose our check payable to the Commissioner of Conservation for the

application fee.

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ours/very truly.

Attorney for Contour Energy E&P, L.L.C.

DLS:dp Enclosures

cc:

Mr. Richard D. Hudson (w/encls.)
Mr. Dennis D. Ritter, Jr. (w/encls.)
Mr. Joe B. Adams (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented
Parties and Interested Parties
(w/copy of unit plat only)

